



## Christ Church 225: “Te Deum Laudamus”

*From the priest-in-charge...*

**Revd Lore Chumbley writes:**

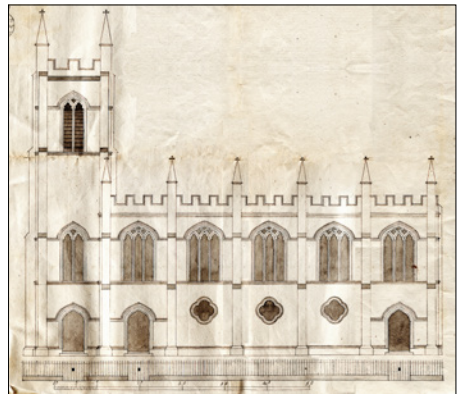
The *Bath Chronicle* of Thursday 8 November 1798 noted: “Free Church in Bath consecrated today [i.e. the day before, 7 November] by Bishop of Bath & Wells & his son (the Chancellor) & Dr Phillott (archdeacon) attended by clergy of parish of Walcot.”

On 5 November we will celebrate two hundred and twenty-five years since that consecration with a festal Eucharist. Bishop Ruth will preside and preach. Past priests-in-charge are invited to join us along with others who have had a relationship with Christ Church. The choir will sing *Te Deum Laudamus*, “We praise you, O God,” a song of public rejoicing probably as old as the fifth century. If you look carefully you will see the words carved into the stone below the windows in church, starting at the St Michael chapel. After the service there will be cake and fizz.

Even before our celebration service we will be marking the anniversary with a live band ceilidh and supper. Thank you, Alison and your band, for leading this. It will be in St Mary’s Roman Catholic church hall, Julian Road, on Saturday 14 October. If you have been before you will know it will be an evening of fellowship and good food even before we get to the dancing. Anyone who can dance, whether old or young or with three left feet, we want you to dance! If your dancing days are done,

come anyway. Listen to the band and enjoy the atmosphere.

Christ Church was founded to serve the poor and marginalised and for two hundred and twenty-five years we have been doing so. Christ Church heard the bells ring for the Battle of Trafalgar, survived the desolation of the First World War and the flu epidemic which followed it, escaped the Second World War bomb damage in Julian Road and the pandemic of the early 2020s. Two hundred and twenty-five years on, by the grace of God we are still here, proclaiming Jesus as Lord. That’s worth celebrating.



*The original (1795) design for Christ Church. It was described as “the Free Church” not in the ecclesiastical sense but literally – the first church since the Reformation open to all without charge.*

# This month's charity: Bath City Farm

*The loose collection on the second and fourth Sundays of the month – 8 and 22 October – will go to Bath City Farm. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)*

Bath City Farm is a non-profit organisation providing a green space close to the city for people and nature to thrive. It works with children, young people and adults living with poor mental health, learning disabilities and other complex needs, helping them develop new skills and confidence as well as raising environmental awareness. Its farm is the venue for a range of projects encouraging people to engage with organic farming and, as a therapy, to learn to grow and cook healthy fresh produce. See <https://bathcityfarm.org.uk>.

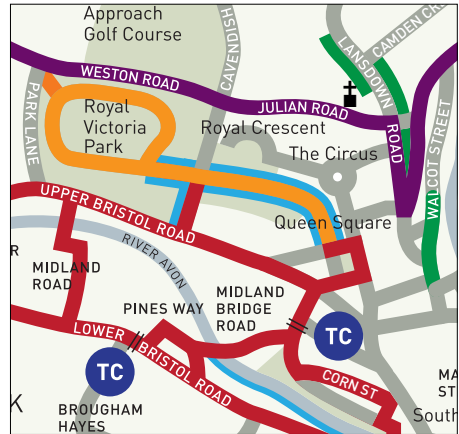


## Christ Church 225

As part of our celebration of the 225th anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church, we are holding an evening Ceilidh from 7pm on Saturday 14 October. It will take place in the Church Rooms behind St Mary's Catholic Church on Julian Road. Everyone is invited, and please feel free to buy tickets for friends. Tickets are available from church for a donation of £5 – £10 per ticket, including a simple meal. Please mention any dietary requirements you have so we can cater for everyone.

# Bath Half Marathon

Watch out when travelling to church on Sunday 15 October – this year's Bath Half Marathon takes place on that day. Roads along the route (shown in red on the map) and access to city car parks are closed from 9am to 4pm (and Royal Victoria Park from 6am to 6:30pm) and parking on those roads – including disabled parking – is suspended from 6am to 4pm. This year there's a new start and finish location on Royal Avenue (in front of the Royal Crescent) and additional parking restrictions on a number of roads including Lansdown Road (shown in green). Traffic is likely to be heavier than usual on the diversion routes (shown in purple), which include Julian Road, so you might wish to allow extra time to get to and from Christ Church. Temporary crossings (marked TC on the map) are provided for pedestrians to cross the race route at Green Park and Brougham Hayes.



# Pilgrim Group meeting

A reminder that our Pilgrim Group meets on alternate Thursdays – this month, 12 and 26 October – at 7:30pm in the Lower Mews. We will be looking at emerging monasticism using *The City is my Monastery* by Richard Carter and *Finding Sanctuary* by Christopher Jamieson. All are welcome!

# Curate's Corner

## **Revd Kara Maylor writes:**

What a wonderful start to the Autumn we have had. I am particularly thankful to have had my swimming event around the Scilly Isles blessed by stunning weather. I thought this photo captured well the beautiful white sands and clear seas that I absolutely loved swimming in – even if it was a bit chillier than I was used to. We had the perfect finale to the trip as a pod of dolphins followed the ferry back to Penzance, playing and showing off right next to the boat the entire time!

It was great to be back in Christ Church and catch up with what people had been up to over the summer. A small group of us celebrated being back by conquering Solsbury Hill. It was very hot and we were thankful that we had fuelled up with bacon butties at our house before heading up. It is a slog to get to the top but always worth it for the wonderful views across Bath. We hope to gather monthly to walk and enjoy our beautiful city and surrounding hills, so do let me know if you are interested in joining.

Please pray this month for all our returning students and of course Issac, who has headed off to University. And please give our wonderful Christ Church welcome to any new students that arrive. The Young Adults group, Lighthouse, will reconvene this month; please pray that it is filled with love and laughter.



## Bishop Ruth to be Acting Bishop of Coventry

Bishop Ruth Worsley has accepted the invitation to be the Acting Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Coventry following the appointment of the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth, as Dean of Windsor, and the retirement of the Bishop of Warwick, the Rt Revd John Stroyan.

Bishop Ruth will take up the secondment in mid-November and remain in post until a Bishop of Coventry is appointed, in a year or so. During that time, she will continue to be the Bishop of Taunton, as she did when she was Acting Bishop of Bath and Wells, but will be based in Coventry four days a week.

Bishop Ruth said: "In Bath and Wells we are blessed with a fabulous team of archdeacons and lots of retired bishops who were a great support to me when I was Acting Bishop of Bath and Wells, and I know they will prove to be so for Bishop Michael in my absence."

Bishop Michael said: "As a diocese we always seek to support our friends in times of need and were happy to help when Bishop Ruth's wisdom and experience was called on to help guide the Diocese of Coventry through this period of transition. I ask that we pray for her and the people of the Diocese of Coventry as they navigate this time together."

## Growing chaplaincy

### **From the Diocese of Bath and Wells:**

At a time when we are hearing about the growing secular nature of our society, it may be surprising to hear that, in Bath and Wells, almost every month there is a call from an organisation enquiring about getting a chaplain. The calls come from all types of settings – from private companies, public sector organisations and educational institutions – and in the last six years, over 60 new chaplaincies have been established.

Mike Haslam, Chaplaincy Lead for Bath and Wells, says: “While some chaplaincies have been initiated by local churches, the overwhelming majority have been requested by the organisations themselves, and they have mostly never before had any Christian or other spiritual ministry in their setting. People are seeking the spiritual Christian presence a chaplain can offer. It continues to amaze me, and I thank God for it.”

Chaplains in Bath and Wells come in all forms – lay and ordained, full time and part time, young and old, from all Christian denominations. They can be found in schools and hospitals, but also in golf clubs and courts, walking the hedgerows and at power stations.

Explaining their popularity, Mike says: “Chaplains are part of the team where they are based – dealing with the same codes, policies, culture and joys – but no-one has to talk to a chaplain, so there is also that element of being a guest that can prove very powerful.”

While chaplaincy is going from strength to strength in Bath and Wells, and across the country, it's not all sunshine and roses.

“It can be a vulnerable position,” Mike explains. “It's not always easy to measure a chaplaincy's success within the frameworks of either the organisation or the Church. However, I have enormous hope for the future of chaplaincy as together with our churches we seek to share with our communities the good news of Jesus.”

## “God's representative”

### **From the Diocese of Bath and Wells:**



*Revd Katy Garner, former Rector of Backwell with Chelvey and Brockley, talks chaplaincy ahead of her licensing as Chaplain at Bath Spa University.*

*What prompted the move from parish ministry?* I just felt that this is where God is calling me to be, despite the fact that Backwell is a very exciting place to be right now and is growing in spirituality.

*Why university chaplaincy?* You could say I am very comfortable in a student setting. After a career in nursing and a five-year gap to have a family, I decided to get a degree. A year of Open University study, a three-year degree at the University of the West of England, a PhD and a period as a Post Doc at Bristol University followed.

*What do you think university chaplaincy offers?* Universities offer students a most exciting part of their education – they are set free, on their own, and for some that's an amazing and life-giving experience, but for a lot of people it can be very difficult and they need support.

*How will you offer support?* As this is a new role, it will first be about journeying with students and staff and determining how chaplaincy can feature in this university. There is a secret garden with a fire pit, and I can have an allotment, so there's a lot of potential for activities that tie in with caring for creation, and therefore ourselves. I'll also be taking along my dog as a care dog. As a chaplain you are not necessarily talking about God, but I absolutely view myself as God's representative in that place.

*What are you looking forward to?* Ministering to this diverse, creative bunch of individuals is going to be really exciting and a real blessing for me. I hope I can become someone they can know and feel confident to come to with any problems, but also to share their joys.

# Bishop's Message for October

*What an opportunity!*



**From the Rt Revd Ruth Worsley,  
Bishop of Taunton**

This week I was on a Zoom chat with some of our chaplains around the diocese. I meet regularly with eight or nine of them alongside our Chaplaincy Development Adviser Mike Haslam. These are only a few of the more than 300 chaplains we have, of all ages, lay and ordained, across Bath and Wells.

There are more and more enquiries about chaplaincy from a wide range of communities. They are seeking a chaplain to offer pastoral care and well-being support for an increasingly stressed and anxious workforce. One particular enquiry caught my attention this week.

A local Further Education college has been saying that their first concern is for a chaplain to address the spiritual exploration of its students. What an opportunity! We know from the Talking Jesus research (2015 and 2022) that

most practising Christians come to faith before the age of 18. Several of our schools, including primary, have pupil chaplains now, and this is a great way of recognising that you are never too young to start in living and telling the story of Jesus!

As a child I was always struck by the Old Testament story of the unnamed little slave girl who served Naaman's wife (2 Kings chapter 5). Taken from her home to another country and placed in an alien environment, she was the one who introduced Naaman to Elisha the prophet in Israel. As a result, Naaman overcame his scepticism, was healed from his leprosy, and discovered a faith in God.

Chaplaincy opens up a diversity of contexts in which we can share our faith and I invite you to pray for those here in Bath and Wells who are treading new ground to open up the way for others to discover the love of Jesus for themselves. However, each one of us has our own possibility of being a chaplain, coming alongside another in our daily life and community. Sometimes our timidity prevents us from speaking up about faith and our personal spiritual journey other than in church where we are known and on familiar territory.

How about taking some time to reflect on where you might live and tell the story of Jesus outside of church, in your everyday context? Is there someone, like a Naaman's wife, who is desperate to find help and hope for a loved one but doesn't know where to find it? Maybe you are the only one who could tell them!

With love and thankfulness for you all!

**+Ruth Taunton**



# Bath Abbey memorials site

Bath Abbey has launched a new website containing details of its memorials. With almost 1,500 memorials, the Abbey probably has more commemorative wall tablets and grave-stones than any other church in England. They span the 16th to the 20th centuries, and the life stories they tell are a fascinating part of the Abbey's rich history. The new website, [www.bathabbeymemorials.org.uk](http://www.bathabbeymemorials.org.uk), is the result of eight years of research by the Abbey's archive team of staff and volunteers, which was carried out as part of the Footprint Project.

The site can be searched in various ways including name, age, profession, dates of birth and death. There are also transcripts of the

inscriptions on memorials, translated from Latin or modernised. Helpful location maps show where specific memorials are located.

The people who have been memorialised come from a wide range of backgrounds, perhaps even wider than might be expected, thanks to the popularity of the city as a fashionable spa destination. Many who arrived to live in Bath, or came seeking a cure for illness, died here and were buried under the Abbey's floor or more recently in the Abbey's cemetery. Relatives then paid the Abbey for permission to erect memorials to them.

As a result, the website includes some famous names such as Richard "Beau" Nash (1674-1761), Bath's Master of Ceremonies, and Admiral Arthur Philip (1738-1814), first governor of the colony of New South Wales.

Of the 1,500 memorials, at least 200 relate to the British Empire and colonialism from the 1600s onwards. This means wall tablets or ledgerstones we see today were sometimes paid for from profits made through the suffering and exploitation of enslaved people. The Abbey hopes that telling these stories openly will improve understanding of the historic links between the Church, society and slavery, and learn from them in order to help support work for racial equality today.



*Photo courtesy of Bath Abbey*

# Narinder commissioned as Interfaith Advisor

Friends and family gathered at the Bishop's Palace Chapel in Wells on 13 September for the commissioning of Revd Narinder Tegally as the new diocesan Interfaith Adviser. Bishop Ruth led the service, which saw contributions

from ecumenical partners and included a Hebrew reading of the Lord's Prayer.

"I am very grateful to Narinder for taking on this role and to see many of our ecumenical partners here today," Bishop Ruth said. "The role of Interfaith Adviser is an important one. It is not about us coming together and speaking our faith to one another, it is about living out our faith with one another, and Narinder will certainly help us journey through that."

A long-standing friend of Christ Church, Narinder is Chaplain for the Royal United Hospital and an Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands for Bath and Wells.



*Narinder, Oosman and friends with Bishop Ruth in Wells. Photo: Diocese of Bath and Wells*

# Christ Church calendar Oct. 2023

**1** Sun *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist

5 Thu 11am Eucharist

6 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

**8** Sun *The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Eucharist

12 Thu 11am Eucharist

13 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

14 Sat Organ Recital, 3pm  
Christ Church celebration Ceilidh, 7pm

**15** Sun *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist  
4:30pm Choral Evensong  
(Bath Half Marathon – watch for diversions and road closures)

18 Wed *Luke the Evangelist*

19 Thu 11am Eucharist

20 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

**22** Sun *The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist  
5pm Iona Contemplative Service

26 Thu 11am Eucharist

27 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

28 Sat *Simon and Jude, Apostles*

**29** Sun *The Last Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist

**Nov** 1 Wed *All Saints Day*

2 Thu 11am Eucharist

3 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

**5** Sun *The Fourth Sunday before Advent*  
10am Festal Eucharist for Christ Church's 225th anniversary

**Our Sunday 10am Eucharist, and other services as advertised, continue to be live-streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath)**

# Prayer Cycle for October 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	For Angela our Verger
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	For shopkeepers and shop workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	For the chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	For our church environment group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5</b>	We give thanks for those who inspire us
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	For refugees
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	For new members to be added to Christ Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	For those who work in medicine
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	For those who mourn
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	For peace
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	That we may have the gift of kindness
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	For victims of natural disasters
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	For our Lighthouse group
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16</b>	For those who work in dangerous conditions
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	For good relationships between different faiths
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b>	We give thanks for our blessings
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19</b>	For our Charity of the Month, Bath City Farm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	For those who lack food, water or warmth
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21</b>	For volunteer organisations
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	For Mark, David, Will and the choir
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23</b>	For our armed forces and police



<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24</b>	For those on our long-term prayer list
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>	That we may be peacemakers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26</b>	For our Pilgrim Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27</b>	For the homeless
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28</b>	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	For those who work in financial services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>31</b>	For children and their families

## Long-term Prayer List

*Please remember those we've been asked to pray for...*

Chris  
David  
Hui Tao Ling  
Jean and John  
Joyce K  
John K  
Kat  
A J Kninchi  
Roger and Francis  
Evelyn  
Mary Elizabeth Bull  
Natalia Bull  
Sheila  
Paul and Kate  
Jeremy and Roz  
Jon and family

**Want to add a name to the prayer list, long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or speak to Lore, the Verger or one of the Churchwardens.**

## Cedar Tree is open

The Cedar Tree community café is open every Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. All are welcome! If you live or work in the area, do consider dropping in for a chat, a cup of coffee, home-made cake or a light snack, to support this important part of our outreach to the local community. If you can help on a Friday or make a cake we can sell, then please contact Jenny Hesketh. Your offers will be very gratefully received.



# Rotas for October 2023

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>1 Oct</b> 17th Sunday after Trinity	<b>Kara Maylor</b> Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	<b>Ben Elliott</b> Philippians 2:1-13	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Matthew 21:23-32
	Intercessions: <b>Georgina Bowman</b>		
<b>8 Oct</b> 18th Sunday after Trinity	<b>Beryl Bowes</b> Isaiah 5:1-7	<b>Nick Wells</b> Philippians 3:4b-14	<b>Jude Bishop</b> Matthew 21:33-46
	Intercessions: <b>Kara Maylor</b>		
<b>15 Oct</b> 19th Sunday after Trinity	<b>David Bishop</b> Isaiah 25:1-9	<b>Angela Soboslay</b> Philippians 4:1-9	<b>Robin Kerr</b> Matthew 22:1-14
	Intercessions: <b>Simon Tatton-Brown</b>		
<b>22 Oct</b> 20th Sunday after Trinity	<b>Morny Davison</b> Isaiah 45:1-7	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	<b>Zoë Bushell</b> Matthew 22:15-22
	Intercessions: <b>Mark Elliott</b>		
<b>29 Oct</b> Last Sunday after Trinity	<b>Carol Hussey</b> Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	<b>Georgina Bowman</b> 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	<b>Peter Bowes</b> Matthew 22:34-46
	Intercessions: <b>Beryl Bowes</b>		
<b>5 Nov</b> Fourth Sunday before Advent	<b>Mark Elliott</b> Micah 3:5-12	<b>Jonathan Stead</b> 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	<b>Rachel Preston</b> Matthew 24:1-14
	Intercessions: <b>Peter Bowes</b>		

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# About Christ Church

*We're a liberal, inclusive and open church,  
seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty  
in our faith and doubt, and support in our community*

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included: John Moore, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the Church of England parish system. We see ourselves as a traditional and liberal Anglican church. Worship is led by our clergy, and music is provided by our robed choir and

organist. New singers of all ages are always very welcome.

For anyone still concerned about the health risks of congregational singing, we do not sing at the 8am BCP Communion or 5pm Quiet Service.

As well as worship on Sundays and Thursdays, there are many other activities going on in our community, including our weekly community café every Friday. Our ecumenical Pilgrim Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting. Visit the website to check service times and events.

## Regular Sunday services

- 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – *On the second Sunday of every month*
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people – *Every Sunday – also streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath)*
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong – *Usually on the third Sunday of each month*
- 5pm Contemplative Quiet Service (Iona) – *On the fourth Sunday of every month*

Baptisms, marriages and funerals by arrangement – please contact us!

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